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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1048, AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
EGYPT

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RUNWAYS
AND/OR RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT AT BILBEIS, CAIRO WEST,
JIYANKLIS NEW; AND RAS GHARIB AIRFIELDS.

2. LOCATION:

BILBEIS AIRFIELD -- 29 NM NE OF CAIRO AT 30-24N
031-36E.

CAIRO AIRFIELD WEST -- 18 NM WNW OF CAIRO AT
30-07N 030-54E.

JIYANKLIS AIRFIELD NEW -- 72 NM NW OF CAIRO AT
30-49N 030-11E.

RAS GHARIB AIRFIELD -- ON WEST SHORE OF THE GULF
OF SUEZ, APPROXIMATELY 140 NM SE OF CAIRO AT
28-18N 033-07E.

3. REMARKS:

THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS PART OF EGYPT'S
CONTINUING PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE VULNERABILITY OF
ITS AIR FORCE ON THE GROUND THROUGH THE CONSTRU-
TION OF NEW AIRFIELDS AND IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING
FACILITIES.

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Page 24. COLLATERAL:

SINCE THE JUNE 1967 WAR, SIX NEW AIRFIELDS HAVE BEEN BUILT IN EGYPT TO REPLACE THE FOUR MAJOR AIRFIELDS IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SINAI. THE NEW AIRFIELDS WILL PERMIT THE EGYPTIANS TO DISPERSE THEIR AIRCRAFT MORE WIDELY, AND THUS FORCE THE ISRAELIS TO DISTRIBUTE THEIR STRIKE AIRCRAFT AMONG MORE TARGETS IN ANY FUTURE WAR. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ALSO CONVERTED PORTIONS OF THE CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA HIGHWAY TO EMERGENCY AIRSTRIPS. A FURTHER DEFENSIVE MEASURE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF HANGARETTES WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE ANY FIGHTER IN THE EGYPTIAN INVENTORY. APPROXIMATELY 350 OF THESE SHELTERS HAVE BEEN BUILT OR ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

5. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

BILBEIS AIRFIELD -- THE NE/SW RUNWAY HAS BEEN EXTENDED 6,430 FEET FOR A TOTAL LENGTH OF 11,540 FEET. A NEW 8,650 X 92 FOOT E/W BLACKTOP RUNWAY/TAXIWAY IS OBSERVED.

CAIRO AIRFIELD WEST -- A NEW 10,230 X 120 FOOT

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N/S BLACKTOP RUNWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE E/W RUNWAY HAS BEEN EXTENDED 2,105 FEET FOR A TOTAL LENGTH OF 10,230 FEET.

JJIYANKLIS AIRFIELD NEW -- 7,490 X 120 FEET OF A NEW WNW/ESE BLACKTOP RUNWAY HAVE BEEN SURFACED. RAS GHARIB AIRFIELD -- 4,483 X 90 FEET OF THE N/S RUNWAY HAVE BEEN SURFACED WITH OIL OR BLACKTOP.

6. MISSION READOUT: BILBEIS AIRFIELD -- THE NE/SW RUNWAY IS BEING EXTENDED 6,430 FEET (OF WHICH 1,565 FEET HAVE BEEN SURFACED) FOR A TOTAL LENGTH OF 11,540 FEET. A NEW [REDACTED] BLACKTOP RUNWAY/TAXIWAY CONNECTS THE SOUTH END OF THE OLD 9,700 FOOT N/S RUNWAY TO THE EXTENDED SW END OF THE NE/SW RUNWAY. CONSTRUCTION IS PROBABLY COMPLETE ON 29 SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES, AND TWO DOUBLE BAY HANGARETTES.

CAIRO AIRFIELD WEST -- A NEW 10,230 X 120 FOOT N/S BLACKTOP RUNWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE NORTH END OF THE NEW RUNWAY INTERSECTS THE E/W RUNWAY AT ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EASTERN TERMINUS. THE E/W RUNWAY HAS BEEN EXTENDED 2,105 FEET AT THE EAST END. THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY ALONG THE E/W RUNWAY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE EAST AND AN END-CONNECTING AND TWO CROSSOVER LINKS

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JIIYANKLIS AIRFIELD NEW -- 7,490 X 120 FEET OF A NEW WNW/ESE BLACKTOP RUNWAY HAVE BEEN SURFACED. THE NEW RUNWAY IS JUST SOUTH OF THE EXISTING RUNWAY. CONSTRUCTION ON SEVEN SINGLE-BAY AND SIX DOUBLE-BAY HANGARETTES IS PROBABLY COMPLETE. FOUR AAA SITES ARE LOCATED AROUND THE AIRFIELD.

RAS GHARIB AIRFIELD -- 4,483 X 90 FEET OF THE N/S RUNWAY HAVE BEEN SURFACED WITH OIL/BLACKTOP. THE RUNWAY WILL PROBABLY BE SURFACED TO A LENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 6,800 FEET.

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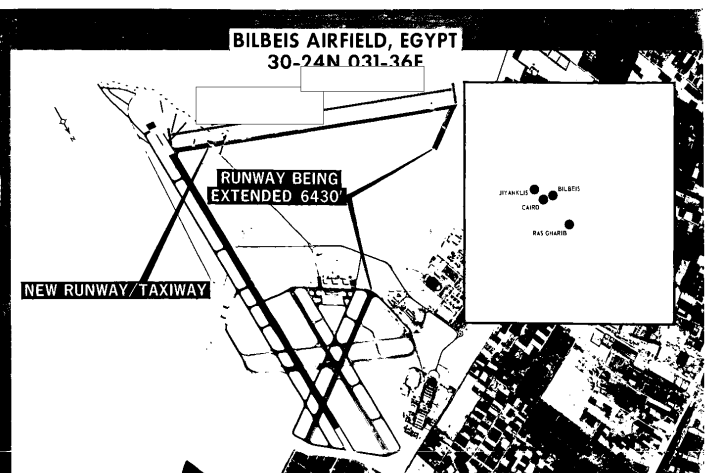
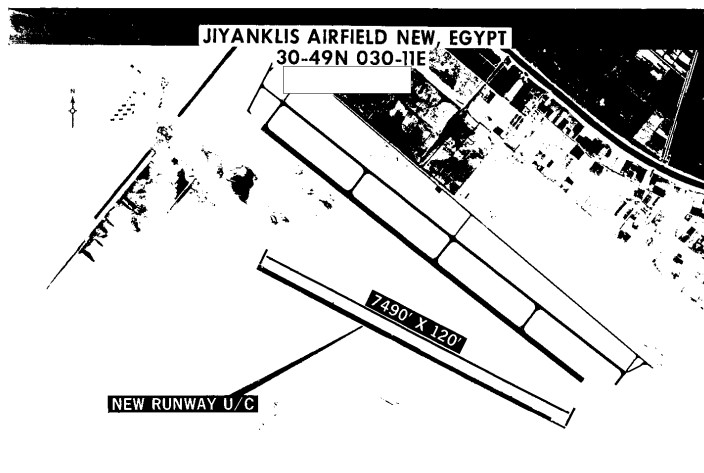


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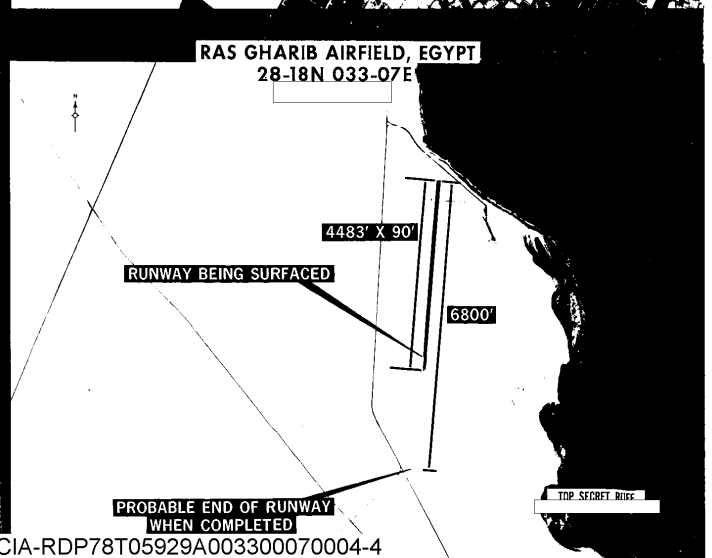
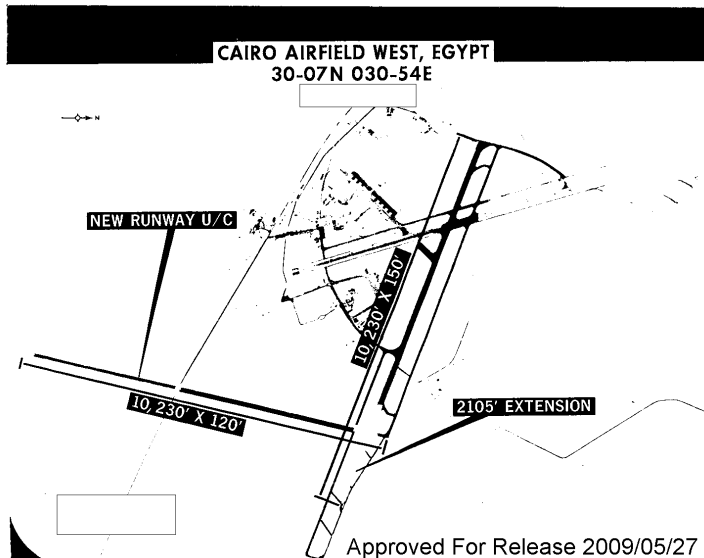
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